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U.S. Patent Application Serial No. 09/653,608 (5181-70300)
U.S. Patent Application Serial No. 09/653,215 (5181-70400)
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U.S. Patent Application Serial No. 09/653,451 (5181-70200)
U.S. Patent Application Serial No. 09/653,614 (5181-67400)
U.S. Patent Application Serial No. 09/660,548 (5181-67000)
U.S. Patent Application Serial No. 09/660,563 (5181-64900)
U.S. Patent Application Serial No. 09/653,525 (5181-64700)
U.S. Patent Application Serial No. 09/653,612 (5181-64000)
U.S. Patent Application Serial No. 09/660,553 (5181-65400)

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☐ reference is made to the concise explanation set forth below:

5. ☐ Applicant also offers the following comments for the Examiner's consideration:

6. ☐ Also enclosed is a copy of a foreign search report citing these references.

7. ☐ The listed documents were brought to the attention of the Applicant(s) after payment of the issue fee in the captioned case. The documents were cited in a communication from a foreign patent office in a counterpart foreign application not more than three months prior to the filing of this Information Disclosure Statement. Applicant(s) request this Information Disclosure Statement and attached Form PTO-1449 be placed in the file of the captioned application.
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